

Quilter

What you need to know
about investment pathways



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What you need to know about investment pathways

When you take money from your pension we call the money which is left over your 'drawdown pot'. Some people find it difficult to choose investment funds for their drawdown pot. To make this choice easier firms like us are required by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) to offer non-advised customers a choice of investment funds that we have chosen for drawdown. These are known as investment pathways.

Investing your drawdown pot

When you choose to use some or all your pension pot you can usually take 25% tax-free. The remaining 75% will be moved into a drawdown pot. You have the flexibility to use this drawdown pot in different ways.

For example, you might plan to:

1. leave it for now
2. use that money to buy an annuity
3. start drawing an income straightaway from the drawdown pot
4. take it all out

Unlike an annuity (a regular guaranteed income you buy from an insurance company), drawdown does not provide a guaranteed income. That means if you withdraw all the money in your pension, you will no longer be able to use it to provide an income.

Because you can use your drawdown pot in different ways, it's important to think about how your drawdown pot is invested as it could affect whether or not you reach your goals for retirement.

It's a good idea to seek advice from a financial adviser about the best way to invest your drawdown pot. However, if you don't want to seek advice, and are unsure of how to invest your drawdown pot, you can consider whether an investment pathway might be right for you.

By offering investment pathways to you we are not providing you with financial advice. This brochure will explain the objective of each of our investment pathways, what the underlying investment is, and the risks associated with them. This will help you decide whether a particular pathway is right for you.

Investment pathways – what are they?

The principle of investment pathways is simple: instead of having to choose an investment for your drawdown pot, you just need to choose from the following four options that closely matches with what you would like to do with your money in the next 5 years.

1. I have no plans to touch my money in the next five years.
2. I plan to use my money to set up a guaranteed income (annuity) within the next five years.
3. I plan to start taking my money as a long-term income within the next five years.
4. I plan to take out all my money within the next five years.

The option you choose will be linked to an investment solution (an investment pathway). Although the investment pathways are compatible with the objectives they were designed for, that does not mean they will automatically be right for you. This is because when we designed these pathways, we did not consider your personal circumstances.

For example, your objective might be to not touch your money for the next five years, but you might be a cautious investor who doesn't like to see investments fluctuate. Our investment pathway for that objective is mostly invested in shares that fluctuate, so although it might match your objective, it won't match your risk appetite so might not be right for you.

What happens if I've been in a pathway for 5 years?

Nothing will happen, and you will remain in the pathway you have chosen. If you want to, you can switch into or out of a pathway investment at any time. It's important that you keep your investment choice under review to make sure it meets your objectives.

Risk - what is it?

Before we show you the investment pathways it's important that you understand about risk. Risk is an underlying part of any investment. Anytime you invest money, there is a risk you might not get your money back.

The amount of risk you take should be based on two considerations

- ▶ **Your appetite** for risk
- ▶ **Your capacity** for risk

Risk appetite

Your risk appetite is the amount of risk you might want to take to achieve your goals.

When choosing a level of risk to take, you expect a return that compensates you for potential losses. For example, the higher the risk the more you expect to receive for holding the investment, and the lower the risk, the less you expect to receive.

In assessing your risk appetite, you should imagine how willing you are to bear risk in comparison to the potential gains. If the stress of losses or fluctuating values is too much for you to bear, you may have a lower risk appetite.

Capacity for risk

Your risk capacity is the amount of risk you can afford to take. This will depend on what other savings you have and how long is left until you will need this money.

In assessing your risk capacity, you should think about how it will affect you if your drawdown fund were to fall in value. Could you rely on different sources of savings or investments for the money you need until your drawdown fund had recovered?

If you cannot afford to lose money and still reach your goals, then you may have a lower capacity for risk.





Risk levels

A financial adviser can help you identify your appetite and capacity for risk by completing a risk profile questionnaire with you. Below is a broad outline of risk categories but it's important to bear in mind that a financial adviser would do a much more in-depth assessment.

Low risk

A low-risk investment might be taken by someone who has more to lose or is less willing to take risk. Low risk investments offer stability and security but in theory, because the risk is less, the size of the return will be less. As the return is likely to be less you run the additional risk that the cost of living will increase more than the growth of your investment. Remember that the return may also be negative – in other words, no return is guaranteed on your investment.

Types of low risk investment include cash, government bonds, good quality company bonds or money market instruments.

Medium risk

A medium risk investment might be taken by someone with both a willingness to take risk and the capacity to take that risk. Medium risk investments are more long-term investments with moderate returns. A medium risk investor will diversify their investments by investing in a range of assets, while still trying to maximise returns.

Types of medium risk investment include a mix of cash, government bonds, company bonds, shares, and property.

High risk

A high-risk investment is generally taken by those with good knowledge of investments with a large risk appetite and capacity for risk. These are typically investors who want to achieve the biggest returns possible and more importantly, can afford to take more risk.

Types of high-risk investments include local and international shares. A high-risk investor will put a high proportion of capital into shares, seeking out those with the potential for the greatest rewards.

How do I invest in a Pathway Investment?

If you'd like to invest in a pathway investment or change your existing pathway objective to another one, please contact us:

Call us: 0808 171 2626 Lines are open 8:00am to 6:00pm, Monday to Friday | **Email: ask@quilter.com**

Write to us: Quilter, SUNDERLAND, SR43 4JP.



Investment Pathway 1

I have no plans to touch my money in the next five years



Who is this for?

This pathway is for people who:

- ▶ don't want to withdraw money from their drawdown pot in the next five years
- ▶ want to keep their drawdown pot invested for at least five years

What is the investment solution design?

This pathway is designed to grow your drawdown pot by investing mostly in equities (shares in a company) and bonds (loans to a company that pay interest).

What's the level of risk?

This pathway is designed to grow your investment by taking on a medium level of risk.

What are the potential downsides?

The value of equities and bonds can be affected by a variety of factors including world events, everyday supply and demand, changes in interest rates, a company's financial performance and its ability to pay back a loan or interest. This means that the value of your investment may fall or rise.

If you make a large withdrawal within the next five years, you may be exposed to a higher level of risk than is compatible with this pathway.

What is the actual investment solution?

This pathway currently invests in the fund Vanguard LifeStrategy 60% Equity, but please note that we reserve the right to change this.

We have included the key investor information about this fund on the next page. The key information about the fund can change and whilst we aim to keep this brochure up to date we would advise you to check our online fund centre at quilter.com



Key Investor Information

This document provides you with key investor information about this fund. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature and the risks of investing in this fund. You are advised to read it so you can make an informed decision about whether to invest.

Vanguard LifeStrategy® 60% Equity Fund (the "Fund")

A sub-fund of Vanguard LifeStrategy® Funds ICVC

A GBP Accumulation Shares

ISIN: GB00B3TYHH97

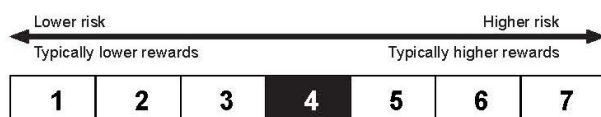
Authorised Corporate Director: Vanguard Investments UK, Limited ("VIUK")

Objectives and investment policy

- The Fund seeks to hold investments that will pay out money and increase in value through exposure to a diversified portfolio comprising approximately 60% shares and 40% bonds and other similar fixed income investments.
- The Fund will seek to achieve its investment objective by investing more than 90% of its assets in passive funds that track an index, which are managed or operated by the ACD or its associates ("Associated Schemes").
- The Fund will have exposure (through its investment in Associated Schemes) to a wide range of countries and asset classes, including shares, bonds and other similar fixed income investments, and money market instruments.
- The Fund will have exposure to shares of UK companies and non-UK companies (including companies in emerging markets (i.e. countries that are progressing toward becoming advanced, usually shown by some development in financial markets, the existence of some form of stock exchange and a regulatory body)), and to Sterling-denominated (including gilts, index-linked gilts and UK investment-grade corporate bonds) and non-Sterling denominated bonds. Gilts are a type of bond issued by the UK government. The UK will generally form one of the largest single country exposures for shares and bonds with approximately 35% of the bond portion of the portfolio and 25% of the share portion of the portfolio.
- The Fund may also invest directly in transferable securities, money market instruments and deposits. Transferable securities are instruments such as shares, bonds and other similar fixed income investments (which will generally be components of the indices tracked by the Associated Schemes in which the Fund invests). Money market instruments are investments usually issued by banks or governments that are a short term loan to the issuer by the buyer. The buyer receives interest and the return of the original amount at the end of a certain period.
- The Fund is actively managed in that the Investment Adviser has discretion in respect of the Associated Schemes in which the Fund may invest and the allocations to them, each of which may change over time. The Investment Adviser manages the Fund through the pre-determined exposure to shares and bonds (and other similar fixed income investments), as detailed above.
- The Fund attempts to remain fully invested and hold small amounts of cash except in extraordinary market, political or similar conditions where the Fund may temporarily depart from this investment policy to avoid losses.
- The Fund may use derivatives in order to reduce risk or cost and/or generate extra income or growth (known as "efficient portfolio management"). A derivative is a financial contract whose value is based on the value of a financial asset (such as a share, bond, or currency) or a market index.
- The currency of the share class is GBP.
- The Fund invests in securities which are denominated in currencies other than the share class currency. Movements in currency exchange rates can affect the return of investments.
- The Fund is appropriate for long-term investment. You should have an investment horizon of at least 5 years.
- Income from the Fund will be reinvested and reflected in the price of shares in the Fund.
- Portfolio transaction costs will have an impact on performance.
- Shares in the Fund can be bought or sold on a daily basis (save on certain bank holidays or public holidays and subject to certain restrictions described in Appendix 1 of the Prospectus). A list of the days on which shares in the Fund cannot be bought or sold is available on: <https://fund-docs.vanguard.com/Vanguard-LifeStrategy-Funds-ICVC.pdf>

For further information about the objectives and investment policy of the Fund, please see Appendix 1 of the Vanguard LifeStrategy Funds ICVC Prospectus (the "Prospectus") on our website at <https://global.vanguard.com>

Risk and reward profile



- This indicator is based on historical data and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund.
- The risk category shown is not guaranteed and may change over time.
- The lowest category does not mean "risk free".
- The Fund is rated 4 due to the nature of its investments which include the risks listed below. These factors may impact the value of the Fund's investments or expose the Fund to losses.
 - The value of equities and bonds can be affected by factors such as stock market movements, interest rates, credit spreads and volatility. Other driving factors include political, economic news, company earnings and significant corporate events.
 - Movements in currency exchange rates can adversely affect the return of your investment.
 - Emerging markets are generally more sensitive to economic and political conditions than developed markets. Other factors include greater 'Liquidity Risk', restrictions on investment or transfers of assets and failed/delayed delivery of securities or payments to the Fund.
 - Investment risk is concentrated in specific sectors, countries, currencies or companies. This means the Fund is more sensitive to any localised economic, market, political or regulatory events.

The risk and reward indicator does not take account of the following risks of investing in the Fund:

- Counterparty risk. The insolvency of any institutions providing services such as safekeeping of assets or acting as counterparty to derivatives or

other instruments, may expose the Fund to financial loss.

- Liquidity risk. Lower liquidity means there are insufficient buyers or sellers to allow the Fund to sell or buy investments readily. This could cause the Fund to incur higher costs when buying or selling investments or could mean that the Fund is not able to buy or sell investments when it would like to do so.
- Credit risk. The issuer of a financial asset held within the Fund may not pay income or repay capital to the Fund when due.
- Inflation risk. The value of your investments may not be worth as much in the future due to changes in purchasing power resulting from inflation.
- Use of derivatives. The use of derivatives could increase or reduce exposure to underlying assets and result in greater fluctuations of the Fund's net asset value.

For further information on risks please see the "Risk Factors and Performance" section of the Prospectus on our website at <https://global.vanguard.com>

Charges

The charges you pay are used to pay the costs of running the Fund, including the costs of marketing and distributing it. These charges reduce the potential growth of your investment.

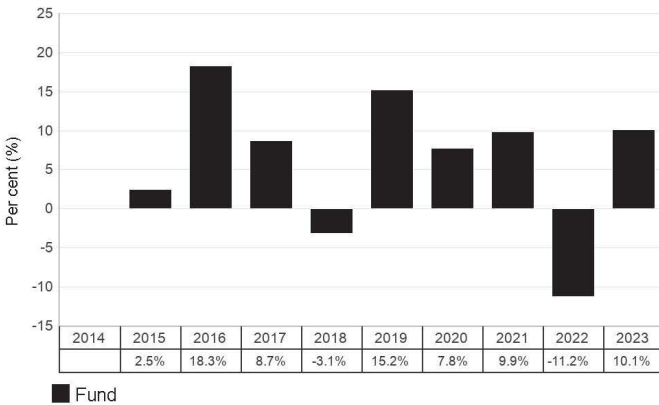
One-off charges taken before or after you invest	
Entry charge	None
Exit charge	None
This is the maximum that might be taken out of your money before it is invested / before the proceeds of your investment are paid out.	
Charges taken from the Fund over a year	
Ongoing charges	0.22%
Charges taken from the Fund under certain specific conditions	
Performance fee	None

The entry and exit charges shown are maximum figures and in some cases you might pay less. Investors can find out the actual entry and exit charges from their distributor and or adviser.

The ongoing charges figure is based on expenses for the year ended 31 December 2023. This figure may vary from year to year. It excludes portfolio transaction costs.

For further information about charges please see the sections entitled "Buying Shares", "Redeeming Shares", "Charges and Expenses", "Dilution Adjustment" and Appendix 1 of the Prospectus on our website at <https://global.vanguard.com>

Past performance



- **Past performance:**
 1. **Is not a reliable indication of future performance.**
 2. Includes ongoing charges and the reinvestment of income. It excludes entry and exit fees.
 3. Has been calculated in GBP.
- Shares in the Fund were first issued in 2011. This share class was launched in 2014.

Practical information

- **Depository:** State Street Trustees Limited.
- **Documents, prices of shares and further information:** You can obtain copies of the Prospectus and the latest annual and semi-annual report and accounts for Vanguard LifeStrategy Funds ICVC ("VLF") along with the latest published prices of shares and other practical information, from our website at <https://global.vanguard.com>. The documents are available in English and are free of charge.
- **Prices:** The last published prices of shares in the Fund are also available from the FT's website www.ft.com or <https://global.vanguard.com>
- **Tax:** VLF is subject to the tax laws of the United Kingdom. Depending on your country of residence, this may have an impact on your personal tax position. You are recommended to consult your professional tax adviser.
- **Liability:** VIUK may be held liable solely on the basis of any statement contained in this document that is misleading, inaccurate or inconsistent with the relevant parts of the Prospectus for VLF.
- **Sub-funds:** This document describes a sub-fund of VLF. The prospectus and periodic reports are prepared for the entire company.
- The Fund's assets belong exclusively to the Fund and shall not be used to discharge the liabilities of or claims against VLF, other sub-funds of VLF or any other person or body.
- **Shares:** The Fund is part of VLF and has both accumulation and income shares. You may switch some or all of your shares of one type, to shares of another type within the same Fund, or between other sub-funds of VLF or other funds managed by VIUK. Details of switching are provided in the Prospectus.
- Information about other share classes offered by VLF can be found in the prospectus or from our website at <https://global.vanguard.com>.
- **Remuneration policy:** Details of the Vanguard European Remuneration Policy are available at <https://www.ie.vanguard/content/dam/intl/europe/documents/ch/en/ucits-v-remuneration-policy.pdf> including: (a) a description of how remuneration and benefits are calculated; and (b) the identities of persons responsible for awarding remuneration and benefits. A paper copy of these details may be obtained, free of charge, on request from the Head of Human Resources, Europe, Vanguard Asset Services, Limited, 4th Floor The Walbrook Building, 25 Walbrook, London EC4N 8AF.

Investment Pathway 2

I plan to use my money to set up a guaranteed income (annuity) within the next five years

Who is this for?

This pathway is for people who:

- ▶ want to buy a guaranteed income (annuity) in the next five years
- ▶ understand that once they buy an annuity, they cannot usually change their mind

What is the investment solution design?

This pathway is designed to reduce fluctuations in the amount of income you can buy if purchasing a level annuity. It does this by investing primarily in fixed rate UK government bonds (loans to the government that pay interest). Generally, as interest rates rise and fall, so do annuity rates. In contrast the value of UK government bonds rise when interest rates fall and vice versa. This means that should interest rates fall, the value of your pension pot invested in UK government bonds will increase and that will help to counteract the negative impact of a lower annuity income rate.

What's the level of risk?

This pathway is designed to be low to medium risk if you end up buying a level annuity. However, if you do not buy an annuity (or buy an annuity that doesn't pay a level income) you may face additional risks as explained in the potential downsides section.

What are the potential downsides?

Government bonds are generally less volatile than company shares and bonds and this is compatible with buying an annuity. Their value can nevertheless change over time and will typically fall if interest rates increase and vice versa. This is called interest rate risk. To put this into context, for every 1% increase in longer term interest rates, the fund's value will likely fall by around 13%.

Therefore, if you make a large withdrawal within the next five years and/or do not buy an annuity, you will likely have been exposed to too much interest rate risk.

Because this pathway is aimed at people buying a level annuity, if you buy an inflation linked annuity this pathway may not adequately meet your needs. This is because the underlying assets are primarily fixed rate government bonds as opposed to inflation linked government bonds which are more appropriate for offsetting risk for people buying an inflation linked annuity.

Due to the way the Pathway Investment value fluctuates in comparison to annuity prices, investing into this pathway could limit the investor to a broadly similar level of annuity income achievable at the time of the investment into the pathway. This is not an exact science though as there are many variables impacting annuity pricing.

What is the actual investment solution?

This pathway currently invests in the fund Vanguard UK Government Bond Index, but please note that we reserve the right to change this.

We have included the key investor information about this fund on the next page. The key information about the fund can change and whilst we aim to keep this brochure up to date we would advise you to check our online fund centre at quilter.com



Key Investor Information

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Vanguard U.K. Government Bond Index Fund (the "Fund")

A sub-fund of Vanguard Investment Series Plc

GBP Acc

ISIN: IE00B1S75374

Manager: Vanguard Group (Ireland) Limited ("VGIL")

Objectives and investment policy

- The Fund employs a passive management – or indexing – investment approach and seeks to track the performance of the Bloomberg U.K. Government Float Adjusted Bond Index (the "Index").
- The Index includes UK government bonds denominated in UK pounds sterling with maturities greater than one year.
- The Index is a market-weighted index designed to reflect the total universe of pound sterling denominated United Kingdom treasury and government-related securities with maturities greater than one year.
- The Fund will invest primarily in investment grade bonds with a rating of between AAA and BBB- as defined by the Index provider.
- The Fund attempts to:
 - Track the performance of the Index by investing in a portfolio of securities that, insofar as possible and practicable, consists of a representative sample of the component securities of the Index.
 - Remain fully invested except in extraordinary market, political or similar conditions where the Fund may temporarily depart from this investment policy to avoid losses.
- The Fund may use derivatives in order to reduce risk or cost and/or generate extra income or growth. A derivative is a financial contract whose value is based on the value of a financial asset (such as a share, bond, or currency) or a market index.
- The base currency of the Fund is GBP.
- The Fund invests in securities which are denominated in currencies other than the base currency. Movements in currency exchange rates can affect the return of investments.
- The Fund is appropriate for long-term investment. You should have an investment horizon of at least 3 years.
- Income from the Fund will be reinvested and reflected in the price of shares in the Fund.
- Portfolio transaction costs will have an impact on performance.
- Shares in the Fund can be bought or sold or exchanged on a daily basis (save on certain bank / public holidays and subject to certain restrictions

described in the Supplement). A list of the days on which shares in the Fund cannot be bought or sold is available on <https://fund-docs.vanguard.com/holiday-calendar-vanguard-investment-series-plc-irish-funds.pdf>

For further information about the objectives and investment policy of the Fund, as well as the limited relationship with the Index provider, please see Appendix 1 and Appendix 6 of the Vanguard Investment Series plc prospectus (the "Prospectus") on our website at <https://global.vanguard.com>

Risk and reward profile



- This indicator is based on historical data and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund.
- The risk category shown is not guaranteed and may change over time.
- The lowest category does not mean "risk free".
- The Fund is rated 5 due to the nature of its investments which include the risks listed below. These factors may impact the value of the Fund's investments or expose the Fund to losses.
 - The value of bonds and fixed income-related securities is affected by influential factors such as interest rates, inflation, credit spreads and volatility which, in turn, are driven by other factors including political, economic news, company earnings and significant corporate events.
 - Investment risk is concentrated in specific sectors, countries, currencies or companies. This means the Fund is more sensitive to any localised economic, market, political or regulatory events.
 - Use of derivatives. The use of derivatives could increase or reduce exposure to underlying assets and result in greater fluctuations of the Fund's net asset value.

The risk and reward indicator does not take account of the following risks of investing in the Fund:

- Counterparty risk. The insolvency of any institutions providing services such as safekeeping of assets or acting as counterparty to derivatives or other instruments, may expose the Fund to financial loss.
- Liquidity risk. Lower liquidity means there are insufficient buyers or sellers to allow the Fund to sell or buy investments readily. This could cause the Fund to incur higher costs when buying or selling investments or could mean that the Fund is not able to buy or sell investments when it would like to do so.
- Credit risk. The issuer of a financial asset held within the Fund may not pay income or repay capital to the Fund when due.
- Index tracking risk. The Fund is not expected to track the performance of the Index at all times with perfect accuracy. The Fund is, however,

expected to provide investment results that, before expenses, generally correspond to the price and yield performance of the Index.

- Index sampling risk. As the Fund uses an index sampling technique whereby a representative sample of securities are selected to represent the Index, there is the risk that the securities selected for the Fund may not, in the aggregate, approximate the full Index.
- Inflation risk. The value of your investments may not be worth as much in the future due to changes in purchasing power resulting from inflation.

For further information on risks please see the "Risk Factors" section of the Prospectus on our website at <https://global.vanguard.com>

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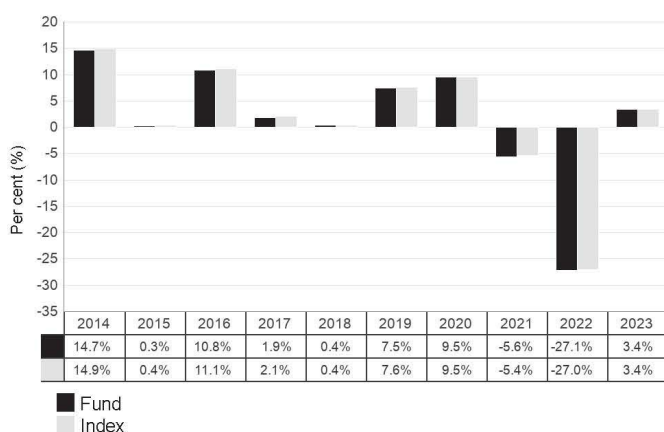
One-off charges taken before or after you invest	
Entry charge	None
Exit charge	None
This is the maximum that might be taken out of your money before it is invested / before the proceeds of your investment are paid out.	
Charges taken from the Fund over a year	
Ongoing charges	0.12%
Charges taken from the Fund under certain specific conditions	
Performance fee	None

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For further information about charges, please see the sections entitled "Buying Shares", "Redeeming Shares", "Fees and Expenses", Appendix 1, and the "Swing Pricing" section in Appendix 2 of the Prospectus on our website at <https://global.vanguard.com>

Past performance



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1. **Is not a reliable indication of future performance.**
 2. Includes ongoing charges and the reinvestment of income. It excludes entry and exit fees.
 3. Has been calculated in GBP.
- Shares in the Fund were first issued in 2009. This share class was launched in 2009.

Practical information

- **Depository:** Brown Brothers Harriman Trustee Services (Ireland) Limited.
- **Documents, prices of shares and further information:** You can obtain copies of the Prospectus and the latest annual and semi-annual report and accounts for Vanguard Investment Series plc ("VIS"), along with the latest published prices of shares and other practical information on the Fund from Vanguard Investment Series plc c/o Brown Brothers Harriman Fund Administration Services (Ireland) Limited, 30 Herbert Street, Dublin 2, D02 W329, Ireland or from our website at <https://global.vanguard.com>. These documents are available in English only. The documents are available in English and are free of charge.
- **Prices:** The last published prices of shares in the Fund are also available from the FT's website www.ft.com or <https://global.vanguard.com>
- **Tax:** VIS is subject to the tax laws of Ireland. Depending on your country of residence, this may have an impact on your personal tax position. You are recommended to consult your professional tax adviser.
- **Liability:** VGIL may be held liable solely on the basis of any statement contained in this document that is misleading, inaccurate or inconsistent with the relevant parts of the Prospectus for VIS.
- **Sub-funds:** VIS is an umbrella fund with a number of sub-funds. This document describes a sub-fund of VIS. The prospectus and periodic reports are prepared for the entire company.
- VIS is an umbrella Fund with segregated liability between sub-funds. This means that the holdings of the Fund are maintained separately under Irish law from holdings of other sub-funds of VF and your investment in the Fund will not be affected by any claims against any other sub-fund of VIS.
- **Shares:** You may exchange your shares in the Fund for shares in any other sub-fund of VIS. Details of switching are provided in the Prospectus.
- Information about other share classes offered by VIS can be found in the prospectus or from our website at <https://global.vanguard.com>.
- Further information on the Index Provider please see the Fund's prospectus.
- **Remuneration policy:** Details of VGIL's Remuneration Policy are available at <https://www.ie.vanguard/content/dam/intl/europe/documents/ch/en/ucits-v-remuneration-policy.pdf>, including: (a) a description of how remuneration and benefits are calculated; and (b) the identities of persons responsible for awarding remuneration and benefits. A paper copy of these details may be obtained, free of charge, on request from VGIL at 70 Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin 2, Ireland.

Investment Pathway 3

I plan to start taking my money as a long-term income within the next five years



Who is this for?

This pathway is for people who:

- ▶ want to take one-off or regular withdrawals either straight away or within the next five years
- ▶ want these withdrawals to last over the long-term
- ▶ understand this is not guaranteed income like an annuity provides

What is the investment solution design?

This pathway is designed to grow your investment by investing mostly in bonds (loans to a company that pay interest) and equities (shares in a company).

What's the level of risk?

This pathway is designed to grow your investment by taking on a medium level of risk.

What are the potential downsides?

The value of bonds and equities can be affected by a variety of factors including world events, everyday supply and demand, changes in interest rates, a company's financial performance and its ability to pay back a loan or interest. This means that the value of your investment may fall or rise.

If you take too much income you run the risk that the growth on your pension pot may not keep pace with the amount of income you take and therefore your income will run out eventually.

What is the actual investment solution?

This pathway currently invests in the fund Vanguard Life Strategy 40% equity, but please note that we reserve the right to change this.

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A sub-fund of Vanguard LifeStrategy® Funds ICVC

A GBP Accumulation Shares

ISIN: GB00B3ZH960

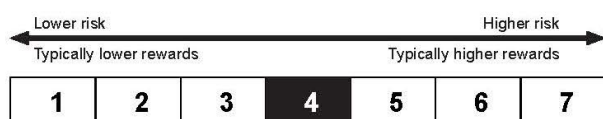
Authorised Corporate Director: Vanguard Investments UK, Limited ("VIUK")

Objectives and investment policy

- The Fund seeks to hold investments that will pay out money and increase in value through exposure to a diversified portfolio comprising approximately 40% shares and 60% bonds and other similar fixed income investments.
- The Fund will seek to achieve its investment objective by investing more than 90% of its assets in passive funds that track an index, which are managed or operated by the ACD or its associates ("Associated Schemes").
- The Fund will have exposure (through its investment in Associated Schemes) to a wide range of countries and asset classes, including shares, bonds and other similar fixed income investments, and money market instruments.
- The Fund will have exposure to shares of UK companies and non-UK companies (including companies in emerging markets (i.e. countries that are progressing toward becoming advanced, usually shown by some development in financial markets, the existence of some form of stock exchange and a regulatory body)), and to Sterling-denominated (including gilts, index-linked gilts and UK investment-grade corporate bonds) and non-Sterling denominated bonds. Gilts are a type of bond issued by the UK government. The UK will generally form one of the largest single country exposures for shares and bonds with approximately 35% of the bond portion of the portfolio and 25% of the share portion of the portfolio.
- The Fund may also invest directly in transferable securities, money market instruments and deposits. Transferable securities are instruments such as shares, bonds and other similar fixed income investments (which will generally be components of the indices tracked by the Associated Schemes in which the Fund invests). Money market instruments are investments usually issued by banks or governments that are a short term loan to the issuer by the buyer. The buyer receives interest and the return of the original amount at the end of a certain period.
- The Fund is actively managed in that the Investment Adviser has discretion in respect of the Associated Schemes in which the Fund may invest and the allocations to them, each of which may change over time. The Investment Adviser manages the Fund through the pre-determined exposure to shares and bonds (and other similar fixed income investments), as detailed above.
- The Fund attempts to remain fully invested and hold small amounts of cash except in extraordinary market, political or similar conditions where the Fund may temporarily depart from this investment policy to avoid losses.
- The Fund may use derivatives in order to reduce risk or cost and/or generate extra income or growth (known as "efficient portfolio management"). A derivative is a financial contract whose value is based on the value of a financial asset (such as a share, bond, or currency) or a market index.
- The currency of the share class is GBP.
- The Fund invests in securities which are denominated in currencies other than the share class currency. Movements in currency exchange rates can affect the return of investments.
- The Fund is appropriate for long-term investment. You should have an investment horizon of at least 3 years.
- Income from the Fund will be reinvested and reflected in the price of shares in the Fund.
- Portfolio transaction costs will have an impact on performance.
- Shares in the Fund can be bought or sold on a daily basis (save on certain bank holidays or public holidays and subject to certain restrictions described in Appendix 1 of the Prospectus). A list of the days on which shares in the Fund cannot be bought or sold is available on: <https://fund-docs.vanguard.com/Vanguard-LifeStrategy-Funds-ICVC.pdf>

For further information about the objectives and investment policy of the Fund, please see Appendix 1 of the Vanguard LifeStrategy Funds ICVC Prospectus (the "Prospectus") on our website at <https://global.vanguard.com>

Risk and reward profile



- This indicator is based on historical data and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund.
- The risk category shown is not guaranteed and may change over time.
- The lowest category does not mean "risk free".
- The Fund is rated 4 due to the nature of its investments which include the risks listed below. These factors may impact the value of the Fund's investments or expose the Fund to losses.
 - The value of equities and bonds can be affected by factors such as stock market movements, interest rates, credit spreads and volatility. Other driving factors include political, economic news, company earnings and significant corporate events.
 - Movements in currency exchange rates can adversely affect the return of your investment.
 - Emerging markets are generally more sensitive to economic and political conditions than developed markets. Other factors include greater 'Liquidity Risk', restrictions on investment or transfers of assets and failed/delayed delivery of securities or payments to the Fund.
 - Investment risk is concentrated in specific sectors, countries, currencies or companies. This means the Fund is more sensitive to any localised economic, market, political or regulatory events.

The risk and reward indicator does not take account of the following risks of investing in the Fund:

- Counterparty risk. The insolvency of any institutions providing services such as safekeeping of assets or acting as counterparty to derivatives or

other instruments, may expose the Fund to financial loss.

- Liquidity risk. Lower liquidity means there are insufficient buyers or sellers to allow the Fund to sell or buy investments readily. This could cause the Fund to incur higher costs when buying or selling investments or could mean that the Fund is not able to buy or sell investments when it would like to do so.
- Credit risk. The issuer of a financial asset held within the Fund may not pay income or repay capital to the Fund when due.
- Inflation risk. The value of your investments may not be worth as much in the future due to changes in purchasing power resulting from inflation.
- Use of derivatives. The use of derivatives could increase or reduce exposure to underlying assets and result in greater fluctuations of the Fund's net asset value.

For further information on risks please see the "Risk Factors and Performance" section of the Prospectus on our website at <https://global.vanguard.com>

Charges

The charges you pay are used to pay the costs of running the Fund, including the costs of marketing and distributing it. These charges reduce the potential growth of your investment.

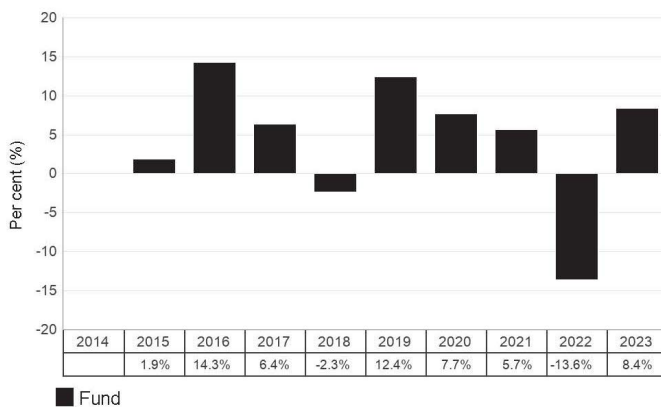
One-off charges taken before or after you invest	
Entry charge	None
Exit charge	None
This is the maximum that might be taken out of your money before it is invested / before the proceeds of your investment are paid out.	
Charges taken from the Fund over a year	
Ongoing charges	0.22%
Charges taken from the Fund under certain specific conditions	
Performance fee	None

The entry and exit charges shown are maximum figures and in some cases you might pay less. Investors can find out the actual entry and exit charges from their distributor and or adviser.

The ongoing charges figure is based on expenses for the year ended 31 December 2023. This figure may vary from year to year. It excludes portfolio transaction costs.

For further information about charges please see the sections entitled "Buying Shares", "Redeeming Shares", "Charges and Expenses", "Dilution Adjustment" and Appendix 1 of the Prospectus on our website at <https://global.vanguard.com>

Past performance



• Past performance:

1. **Is not a reliable indication of future performance.**
 2. Includes ongoing charges and the reinvestment of income. It excludes entry and exit fees.
 3. Has been calculated in GBP.
- Shares in the Fund were first issued in 2011. This share class was launched in 2014.

Practical information

- **Depository:** State Street Trustees Limited.
- **Documents, prices of shares and further information:** You can obtain copies of the Prospectus and the latest annual and semi-annual report and accounts for Vanguard LifeStrategy Funds ICVC ("VLF") along with the latest published prices of shares and other practical information, from our website at <https://global.vanguard.com>. The documents are available in English and are free of charge.
- **Prices:** The last published prices of shares in the Fund are also available from the FT's website www.ft.com or <https://global.vanguard.com>
- **Tax:** VLF is subject to the tax laws of the United Kingdom. Depending on your country of residence, this may have an impact on your personal tax position. You are recommended to consult your professional tax adviser.
- **Liability:** VIUK may be held liable solely on the basis of any statement contained in this document that is misleading, inaccurate or inconsistent with the relevant parts of the Prospectus for VLF.
- **Sub-funds:** This document describes a sub-fund of VLF. The prospectus and periodic reports are prepared for the entire company.
- The Fund's assets belong exclusively to the Fund and shall not be used to discharge the liabilities of or claims against VLF, other sub-funds of VLF or any other person or body.
- **Shares:** The Fund is part of VLF and has both accumulation and income shares. You may switch some or all of your shares of one type, to shares of another type within the same Fund, or between other sub-funds of VLF or other funds managed by VIUK. Details of switching are provided in the Prospectus.
- Information about other share classes offered by VLF can be found in the prospectus or from our website at <https://global.vanguard.com>.
- **Remuneration policy:** Details of the Vanguard European Remuneration Policy are available at <https://www.ie.vanguard/content/dam/intl/europe/documents/ch/en/ucits-v-remuneration-policy.pdf> including: (a) a description of how remuneration and benefits are calculated; and (b) the identities of persons responsible for awarding remuneration and benefits. A paper copy of these details may be obtained, free of charge, on request from the Head of Human Resources, Europe, Vanguard Asset Services, Limited, 4th Floor The Walbrook Building, 25 Walbrook, London EC4N 8AF.

Investment Pathway 4

*I plan to take out all my money
within the next five years*



Who is this for?

This pathway is for people who:

- ▶ want to take all their money from their drawdown pot as a lump sum in the next five years
- ▶ want to set up regular withdrawals over the short-term that will use up all the money in their drawdown pot over the next five years

What is the investment solution design?

This pathway is designed to provide you with some growth whilst minimising the risk of losing money. It will invest in short-term assets (e.g. money market instruments) that are easy to sell as well as short-dated corporate and government bonds (short-term loans to companies and governments that pay interest).

What's the level of risk?

This pathway is designed to be low risk.

What are the potential downsides?

Short-term assets and bonds do not generally fluctuate as much as company shares in value, but it is still possible that the value could go down as well as up.

There is a risk that the value of your money will be eroded by inflation over time. This will be more pronounced if you do not take out all your money within the next five years.

What is the actual investment solution?

This pathway currently invests in the fund Royal London Short Term Fixed Income, but please note that we reserve the right to change this.

We have included the key investor information about this fund on the next page. The key information about the fund can change and whilst we aim to keep this brochure up to date we would advise you to check our online fund centre at [quilter.com](https://www.quilter.com)



Key Investor Information

This document provides you with key investor information about this fund. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature and the risks of investing in this fund. You are advised to read it so you can make an informed decision about whether to invest.

Royal London Short Term Fixed Income Fund (Accumulation - Class Y Shares)

A sub-fund of Royal London Bond Funds ICVC ISIN: GB00BMNR1H58
Managed by Royal London Unit Trust Managers Limited

Objectives and investment policy

Objective The Fund's investment objective is to achieve a total return over rolling 12-month periods by primarily investing in Short Term Fixed Income securities. The Fund's performance target is to outperform, before the deduction of charges, the Bank of England Sterling Overnight Interbank Average (SONIA) by 0.50% per annum over rolling 12-month periods. The Fund is actively managed, meaning that the manager will use their expertise to select investments to meet the objective.

Policy The Fund will invest at least 70% in Short Term Fixed Income Securities. Short Term Fixed Income securities are instruments, which will have a duration of 0-18 months. In a normal market environment these instruments can be easily and quickly liquidated. Examples of these include money market instruments, government bonds and corporate bonds.

A minimum of 50% of the Fund will be invested in a combination of money market instruments, including cash, time deposits, certificates of deposit and commercial paper and floating rate notes and Government bonds. In exceptional circumstances the Fund may invest up to 100% in money market instruments.

The Fund will also invest in a range of other securities, which includes corporate bonds and supranational & agency bonds, Covered bonds and/or transferable securities. The Fund may also make use of reverse repurchase agreements. The Fund will not invest in other funds, known as CIS.

The Fund may also hold derivatives for the purposes of efficient portfolio management.

Money market instruments used by the Fund will have a minimum rating of A-1, P-1 or F1. Bonds must have a minimum rating of AA-, Aa3 or AA-. Assets may exceed 397 days to maturity. There are no weighted average maturity or weighted average life constraints on the Fund.

The Fund's holdings are also subject to predefined ethical criteria. The Fund's manager will not consider the bonds or other securities of companies or other organisations that generate more than 10% of their turnover from either one or a combination of the following: Armaments, Tobacco or Fossil Fuels.

Recommendation Investors who seek a total return or a short-term investment option.

Concepts to understand

Bonds Securities that represent an obligation to repay a debt, with interest. Investment grade bonds are high quality bonds that are viewed as being highly likely to make all scheduled payments of interest and principal. Low quality bonds carry higher risk but also typically pay higher rates of interest.

Derivative A financial instrument whose price is dependent upon or derived from one or more underlying asset.

Efficient Portfolio Management An investment technique that allows the use of derivatives for at least one of the following purposes: to increase the value of the Fund; to protect the value of the Fund or to reduce the risks of certain investments.

Money market instruments Investments that pay interest, have a short duration and are designed to maintain a stable value.

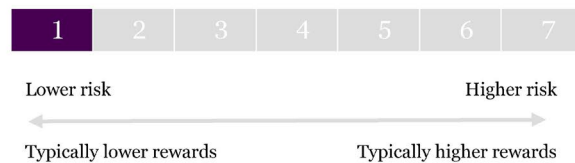
Floating rate notes Bonds that pay a variable rate of interest. The interest rate is tied to a benchmark and adjusted periodically.

Covered bonds Bonds or notes that are backed by cash flows from mortgages or other debt.

You can buy and sell your shares on each working day, except public holidays, at 12:00 noon if you tell us before 12:00 noon that you want to do so. Instructions received after 12:00 noon will be processed at 12:00 noon on the following working day.

Other share classes may be available as described in the Prospectus. If this is an income share class, any income will be paid out to you. If this is an accumulation share class, any income will be reinvested in the Fund.

Risk and reward profile



The fund is shown in risk category 1 because its share price has shown a very low level of volatility historically. The indicator has been calculated using historical data and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund. As an investment, bonds are typically more volatile than money market instruments but less volatile than shares. Bonds issued by corporations are typically more volatile than bonds issued by governments.

The risk and reward indicator is not a measure of the expected rise or fall in capital but shows how sharply the Fund's share price has gone up and down historically.

A fund whose share price has experienced sharp or large increases or decreases will sit in a higher risk category, whereas a fund whose share price has experienced small or gradual increases or decreases will sit in a lower risk category.

The indicator is calculated using a standard methodology derived from EU rules.

The risk/reward indicator is an estimate and not a guarantee. Going forward, the Fund's actual volatility could be higher or lower, and its rated risk/reward profile could change. The lowest risk category does not mean the investment is risk free.

The risk indicator does not adequately capture the following risks, which are materially relevant to the Fund:

Investment Risk The value of investments and any income from them may go down as well as up and is not guaranteed. Investors may not get back the amount invested.

Credit Risk Should the issuer of a fixed income security become unable to make income or capital payments, or their rating is downgraded, the value of that investment will fall. Fixed income securities that have a lower credit rating can pay a higher level of income and have an increased risk of default.

EPM Techniques The Fund may engage in EPM techniques including holdings of derivative instruments. Whilst intended to reduce risk, the use of these instruments may expose the Fund to increased price volatility.

Interest Rate Risk Fixed interest securities are particularly affected by trends in interest rates and inflation. If interest rates go up, the value of capital may fall, and vice versa. Inflation will also decrease the real value of capital.

Counterparty Risk The insolvency of any institutions providing services such as safekeeping of assets or acting as counterparty to derivatives or other instruments, may expose the Fund to financial loss.

Government and Public Securities Risk The Fund can invest more than 35% of net assets in different Transferable Securities and Money Market Instruments issued or guaranteed by any EEA State, its local authorities, a third country or public international bodies of which one or more EEA States are members.

Inflation Risk Where the income yield is lower than the rate of inflation, the real value of your investment will reduce over time.

Charges

The charges you pay are used to pay the costs of running the Fund, including the costs of marketing and distributing the Fund. These charges reduce the potential growth of the investment.

One-off charges taken before or after you invest:	
Entry charge	None
Exit charge	None
Charges taken from the fund over a year:	
Ongoing charge	0.15%
Charges taken from the fund under specific conditions:	
Performance fee	None

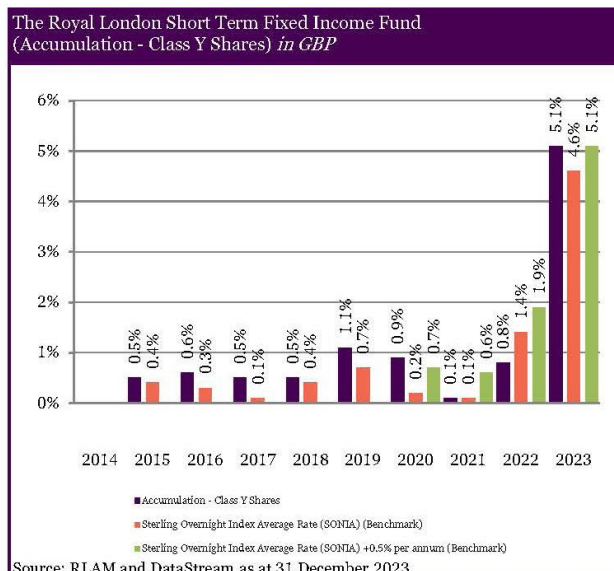
The entry and exit charge is the maximum that might be taken out of your money before it is invested or before the proceeds of your investment are paid out.

Ongoing charge is based on the Fund Management Fee (FMF), which is the periodic fee paid to the ACD to cover the expenses of the Fund. This figure does not include portfolio transaction costs. Ongoing charges are the same for all investors in the share class.

Past performance

The graph shows fund performance over the past 10 years where available. The figure for a given year shows how much the Fund increased or decreased in value during that year. These results reflect ongoing charges taken from the Fund, but do not reflect any entry charges you might have to pay.

The Fund was launched on 15 June 2011 and the share class on 12 June 2014.



Past performance is not a guide to future performance and may not be repeated.

The chart shows performance in British pounds after the ongoing charges and the portfolio transaction costs have been paid. Entry and exit charges are excluded from calculations of past performance. The past performance is calculated in British Pounds, with net dividends reinvested.

From the 20th July 2020 the fund introduced a target to outperform the Bank of England Sterling Overnight Interbank Average (SONIA) by 0.50% per annum over rolling 12-month periods.

Prior to this date the fund's performance was compared against SONIA over rolling 12 month periods.

Practical information

Depositary: HSBC Bank plc

Additional Information: This Key Investor Information Document (KIID) may not contain all the information you need. For additional information on this fund (including the Supplementary Information Document), on other share classes of this fund and on other funds, or to obtain a free copy of the Fund's Prospectus or the annual and semi-annual shareholder reports, call the information line or write to the registered office, details of which are below. Alternatively, visit www.rlam.com. The Prospectus and shareholder reports are in English.

This document describes one share class of the Fund. The Prospectus and annual and semi-annual shareholder reports are prepared for the entire fund across all share classes.

For fund performance and most recent share price, visit www.rlam.com.

Should you wish to switch share classes or funds, please see the "Switching" section of the Prospectus for details.

Tax: Investors should note that the tax legislation that applies to the Fund may have an impact on the personal tax position of their investment in the Fund. Contact your adviser to discuss tax treatment, suitability of this investment, and other questions.

Notices: Royal London Unit Trust Managers Limited may be held liable solely on the basis of any statement contained in this document that is misleading, inaccurate or inconsistent with the relevant parts of the Prospectus.

The Prospectus and long reports (shareholder reports) are prepared for the entire company. The assets and liabilities of each sub-fund are segregated by law. Therefore, the assets of the Fund belong exclusively to it and are not available to meet the liabilities of any other fund of Royal London Bond Funds ICVC.

The Fund is authorised in the United Kingdom and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority, Royal London Unit Trust Managers Limited is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

Details of the Company's remuneration policy are available at www.rlam.com including: (a) a description of how remuneration and benefits are calculated; and (b) the identities of persons responsible for awarding remuneration and benefits. A paper copy of these details may be obtained, free of charge, on request from the Company, at the address below.

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80 Fenchurch Street, London, EC3M 4BY

Telephone: 03456 04 04 04

Website: www.rlam.com

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A last few things

Our approach to responsible investing

Because our four pathways invest primarily in funds that track a market index, they have not been designed with a specific environmental, social or governance strategy. However, when selecting the underlying fund(s) for our pathways we do:

- ▶ consider how the fund manager engages with companies about things like climate change and good corporate governance.
- ▶ look at the fund managers track record of exercising votes on such matters at shareholder meetings.
- ▶ require that they have signed up to initiatives such as the UN Principles for Responsible Investment and the UK Stewardship Code.

Changes

We will regularly review the underlying investments in our pathways. This means they may change in the future following a review by us. If we decide to change the underlying investment, we will tell you when it will happen and what it will mean for you. You will have the option to opt out of the investment pathway if you want to and make your own investment decisions.

Get advice

The decision you make about your pension pot can affect your income for the rest of your life.

To help you think about what's best for you it's always wise to talk through your situation with a financial adviser.

Shop around

Because there are other pension providers offering investment pathways, you should shop around to see which one you prefer.

We can send you an illustration to demonstrate how a pathway we are offering may perform over time. You can use the illustration to compare our offering with other providers when you shop around to see if there is another pension product with a pathway investment more suitable for you.

A financial adviser will be able to help you shop around. If you do not want to use a financial adviser you can contact Pension Wise. Pension Wise is a free and impartial service from MoneyHelper, a government backed organisation. They can assist you in shopping around for a pathway investment.



0800 138 3944 | moneyhelper.org.uk/pensionwise



0800 011 3797 | moneyhelper.org.uk/

Charges

There are no charges to withdraw money from your drawdown pot. However:

- ▶ each investment pathway will have an ongoing charges figure (OCF) for the underlying funds. You can check the OCF for each pathway in the key investor information section.
- ▶ we will charge you for using our platform. The charges you pay are detailed in your quarterly statements. If you would like further information, please contact us.
- ▶ if you use a financial adviser, they may charge you for managing your money.



Contact us

If you'd like to invest in a pathway investment or change your existing pathway objective to another one, please contact us:

Call us: 0808 171 2626

Lines are open 8:00am to 6:00pm, Monday to Friday

Email: ask@quilter.com

Write to us:

Quilter, SUNDERLAND, SR43 4JP.

quilter.com

Please be aware that calls and electronic communications may be recorded for monitoring, regulatory and training purposes and records are available for at least five years.

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